



At the Star Theatre, Monday, Mar. 3.

WANTON WASTE IN OUR ARMY CAMPS

Millions Are Thrown Away And Negro Soldiers Are Enslaved.
By Snell Smith.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Waste of many millions of dollars of the money of the country since the signing of the armistice, through extravagant expenditure and carelessness in handling property, and systematic enslaving of negroes in the South under guise of military discipline, have been proven in unimpeachable evidence presented by Representative Dillon, of South Dakota, in a sensational speech before the House.

Declaring that the most flagrant case of the kind uncovered by him was that in the vicinity of Newport News, Va., he said that the government had built there, and without the slightest necessity, a cement highway six miles in length, in the construction of which negro soldiers had been employed; that numerous buildings had been built for the Morrison Aviation Field there and on low ground which had to be abandoned; that 500 cottages and other dwellings of the most modern design were built for workmen who do not and never will occupy them; that arrangements are even now being made to build 800 more such houses there; that though the streets are impassable because of mud and water and the town of Hilton, as it is now called, lies in swampy ground, it is the intention to fill in around the houses, pave the streets and build fifteen miles of sidewalk; and that large ditches are being dug by negro soldiers at \$30 a month each.

Dillon said he had found in his personal investigations made on the spot that a mile out of Hilton, in a stevedore camp now a part of Camp Alexander, he had found many open-air storage buildings, 20 by 133 feet in dimension and costing \$2,660 each, and in them were supposed to

stored 400 caterpillar tractors and fourteen armored tanks, each costing \$55,000, but that the latter were lying in the mud and rain, to become a hopeless waste. A little further on were twenty-four covered warehouses, 150 by 250 feet in dimension, with nothing in them. Nearby he found corrals, operated by the animal embarkation division of the army, and containing several thousand horses and mules, standing in several inches of mud and with nothing but mud to lie in. It was reported to him that some of them had been there since August, 1918, and had cost the government \$240 each.

At Old Point Comfort, in the same vicinity, Dillon disclosed several hundred cantonment buildings built on such impossible sites that a pumping plant had been constructed to pump sand into the water about them. Several hundred ammunition trucks and tractors he found exposed to the salt air and the elements in such a way as to assure their speedy ruin through rust.

Sinister Motive in Deals.

In explaining the sinister meaning of all this, Dillon explained to his colleagues that "in Newport News are ten apartment houses built by the War Department. All of them contain eight apartments of four rooms each and are used by the officer clerks of the port authorities and by employees of the Shipping Board. They are said to be built on land owned by the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company. They are stucco buildings with slate roofs and have all modern improvements. The president of this company is Homer L. Ferguson. He is a brother of Gen. Frank K. Ferguson, the commanding officer of that army district. Capt. L. G. Thom is assistant to the executive officer and in charge of the labor department. He is a brother-in-law of one of the Fergusons. It will thus be seen that this family controls practically the commercial governmental activities at Newport News, and also the military activities in that entire army district. Thus they cooperate among themselves and with various government activities and have mutual interests in the upbuilding of that community, including the phantom city, Hilton, in the swamp."

Dillon went on to reveal that

eighty acres of this swampy land was purchased from a straw company set up for the purpose for \$40,100. "So help me God," exclaimed the white-haired South Dakotan, "I would not pay \$10 an acre for that land!" Yet \$2,550,000 of the money of the taxpayers was turned over to this straw company for development, with the land and improvements as security. Street cars were purchased at a cost of \$11,400 each and leased to the railway company at five per cent on the investment for no other purpose than carrying imaginary workmen from the phantom Hilton to Newport News, and it was agreed that later the company should be allowed to purchase them at reduced cost. Four companies stationed there had nine captains, fourteen first lieutenants and eight second lieutenants. Negro soldiers, worked in construction beside laborers making \$3 per day, were charged \$10 to \$15 for affidavits attached to applications for discharge.

Horses and Mules in the Big War.

Some idea of what has been done in furnishing horses and mules for overseas service may be gained from a report made by the Statistical Section of the Remount division. This shows that up to January 11 there had been shipped overseas from this country a total of 67,948 animals, which included 5,489 cavalry horses, 33,396 draft horses, 28,088 mules, and 975 pack mules. The total number of animals lost en route overseas so far reported is 600 horses and mules, or less than 1 per cent of the total number of animals shipped.

The total number of animal purchased overseas to date is 152,326. Purchases of horses in France amounted to 109,848; in Spain, 1,531, and in Great Britain, 11,888. The value of purchases in France was \$43,122,993.52; in Spain, \$589,159.96, and Great Britain, \$5,314,711.15, or a total value of \$49,025,964.63 for 123,277 horses purchased overseas. The total number of mules purchased overseas amounted to 29,059 with a value of \$11,115,846.72. There were 9,341 mules valued at \$2,895,927.76 purchased in France; 12,941 mules with a value of \$5,619,155.74 purchased in Spain, and 6,777 mules valued at \$2,600,763.22 purchased in Great Britain.

There were on hand with the American expeditionary forces, December 25, 1918, a total of 191,631 animals. This total included 26,023 cavalry horses, 109,528 draft horses, 48,614 draft mules, and 7,466 pack and riding mules. The total loss overseas to December 25, 1918, amounted to 42,311 animals, which included 36,189 horses and 6,122 mules.

STAR THEATRE

Monday, March 3rd

MARY PICKFORD

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YOU HAVE HEARD MUCH ABOUT THIS PICTURE AND WILL WANT TO SEE IT.

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FEBRUARY 28th

Goldwyn Presents

MAE MARSH

in a fast moving drama of thrills and surprises

The Face in the Dark

A STORY OF ROMANCE AND MYSTERY

Saturday

MARCH 1st

America's Champion Mirth Maker

Doug Fairbanks

in the Arcraft Picture

"Matrimaniac"

"YOU KNOW DOUG"

Sunday, March 2nd

THE IMP OF MOTION PICTURE DRAMA

ANN MURDOCK

Empire-Mutual Star

IN

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COMING SATURDAY, MARCH 8

SECOND OFFICIAL WAR PICTURE

"AMERICA'S ANSWER"



Announcement

OWING to the limited space in my new quarters, I will not attempt to make any show or opening display, but I have secured the services of one of Portland's very best trimmers and she is now in Portland gathering goods for our Spring trade.

I expect her here by the 28th of February, and judging from the material that has already arrived, I can safely say, bring your hat troubles to us. They will be well taken care of, whether it be the making of a new one or the making over your old one.

The same careful attention to style and workmanship will be given.

MRS. L. G. HERREN



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By the Committee FOR RELIEF OF SUFFERERS IN THE NEAR EAST.

What Will You Do
To Help
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Altho the Americas people have during the past two years loaned to the government about Eighteen Billion Dollars, they have more money deposited in the banks of the country than ever before. The war has brought to us prosperity in which Morrow County has had its share. This week the people of this country will raise \$30,000,000 to save from starvation the innocent sufferers for whom no other provision can be made.

What Will YOU Do
to Help?